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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Norvell et al.

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For: Improved Flocked Articles

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231 Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please add new claim 53 as follows:

53. A flocked article/comprising

a substrate comprising expanded PTFE; and

at least one layer of flock particulate attached to at least a portion of said expanded PTFE to form a flocked surface, wherein at least a portion of the flock particulate stands on end.

## **REMARKS**

New claim 53 has been added to place the application in better form for examination. Support for this claim may be found in the Detailed Description of the Invention.